

6.0 DRAFT PLANNING CRITERIA

The following draft “planning criteria” are intended to help guide the evaluation of alternatives and decisions in the Management Plan update and EIS. The public has been invited to review and comment on these draft criteria.

The KRNCA Management Plan update will:

- Recognize the uniqueness of the west slope of the King Range as a primitive backcountry coastline. Decisions will complement or enhance these values.
- Involve a collaborative process with other federal agencies, state and local governments, private landowners, Native Americans and others with authority or interest in resources and uses within the King Range. Specifically recognize state and county jurisdiction over wildlife and coastal resources: California Coastal Commission for the intertidal zone; California Department of Fish and Game for wildlife; Humboldt and Mendocino Counties for search and rescue; and California Department of Forestry for fire.
- Comply with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Wilderness Act, the King Range Act, the Northwest Forest Plan and other applicable laws and policies.
- Recognize and complement community values in the Lost Coast region.
- Carry forward the zoning concept of the original King Range Management Program, and existing relevant decisions from this plan and its amendments.
- Plan decisions will use best available science and data, and will be adaptive where appropriate.

Aerial Photo of Big Flat

